

HOUSE BILL 212

By Brown

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50,
Chapter 7, relative to the treatment of felons under
the Employment Security law.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-7-207(c), is amended by deleting the word "and" at the end of subdivision (17); by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (18) and substituting instead a semi-colon and the word "and"; and by adding the following language as a new subdivision to be designated as follows:

(19) Services performed by an individual who:

- (A) Has been convicted of a felony;
- (B) Was hired within one (1) year of sentencing or of the individual's release date;
- (C) Is a member of a low-income family;
- (D) Is qualified for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit under 26 U.S.C. Section 51; and
- (E) Is enrolled at a nonprofit entity or a public agency that combines work experience with job-readiness instruction.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-7-302(a)(4)(B), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subdivision:

provided, however, a claimant will not be denied benefits for not being available for work if the claimant is enrolled at a nonprofit entity or a public agency that combines work experience with employment related training;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.